

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification by adding the following paragraph at page 1, line 21 as follows:

el -- This application is a continuation-in-part of pending prior Application Serial No. 09/453,200, filed December 2, 1999 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination and Counting." Serial No. 09/453,200 is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/841,203, filed April 29, 1997 entitled "Method And Apparatus For Currency Discrimination And Counting," now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,028,951. Application Serial No. 08/841,203 is a continuation of 08/339,337, filed on November 14, 1994, and issued as U.S. Pat. No. 5,692,067, which in turn is a continuation of 08/127,334, filed on September 27, 1993, and issued as U.S. Pat. No. 5,467,405, which in turn is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/885,648, filed May 19, 1992, and issued as Patent No. 5,295,196. --

**REMARKS**

As discussed with the Examiner, the Applicants are amending the priority of the present application as indicated above (a clean version is attached). Also, as discussed with the Examiner, the Applicants are confirming the cancellation of the non-elected claims (claims 214-337) without prejudice as a result of an election requirement. The Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims at a later time. The Applicants will also be filing an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) by hand-delivery on Tuesday, July 30, 2002. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review these references and make them of record.

**CONCLUSION**

The Applicants submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance and action toward that end is earnestly solicited. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47171-00268USC1) for any fees inadvertently omitted which may be necessary now or during the pendency of this application, except for the

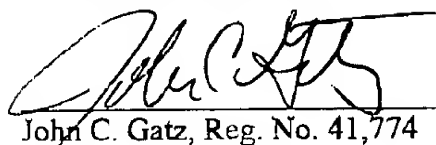
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issue fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Clean Version of  
Amendment to Specification dated July 29, 2002**

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